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YAN council members attend White Mountain Apache inauguration



YAN council members Genevieve Datsi (l) and Thomasene Cardona with Miss Indian World Susan Taylor. Taylor is an enrolled member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BY YAN NEWS
For the very first time in the history of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Gwendena Lee Gatewood was installed as the first female chairperson of the White Mountain Apache Nation.
Chairwoman Gatewood is a strong supporter of communication and said, "I am very honored that the people have spoken. In this day and age, we are changing with technology".
Council member from Yavapai-

Apache Nation Genevieve Datsi who attended the swearing in of Chairwoman Gatewood said, "This was an historic swearing in. The first female chairwoman of White Mountain Apache. There were attendees from tribal, state and federal. It was quite a celebration and it was an honor to represent the tribe."
In addition, the YAN council met the new Miss Indian World Taylor Susan also of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.



YAN council members Thomasene Cardona, Genevieve Datsi and Darlene Rubio with newly elected Chairwoman Gwendena Lee Gatewood and her husband Marty Gatewood

Marionette show greets Day Care children and Montessori students



Our fine-feathered friends.

BY DON DECKER,
YAN News

Like the good days of school assemblies of the past, the YAN children were treated to a marionette show on May 9 at the recreation department.
Starr-Light, director of the show who is based in Las Vegas, performed in front of the students (with the strings) and moved the marionettes among the children seated on the floor. The puppets seem to take on a life of their own as they pranced through the audience.

With the late Bob Marley singing "Three Little Birds", the children's fine-feathered friends glided along the floor as children gazed in amazement and briefly touch the puppets.
To get the children more involved, a 'morning stretch exercise' using the string puppets got the children on their feet as they performed stretches.
FantasyMakers Marionettes is based out of Las Vegas but have close connections to the Lake Montezuma and Sedona area friends.



Pulling strings..



Montessori students enjoy the show.

Montessori school plants garden

By Don Decker,
YAN News

It's early in the morning at the school and the garden crew is out back with Saleana Garner, a teacher assistant who works with the Montessori students.
Ms. Garner has the 'green thumb' for this as she carefully supervises the students as they plant their vegetable in the raised garden box. It's a special box that is designed

to keep varmints from crawling from underneath to eat the plants.
The children are very quick to know what is entailed as they put on their work gloves and start digging tiny holes in the garden soil.
If there is a teachable moment, this is the scene behind the school that teaches students about self-sufficiency and learning about taking care of living things such as plants.



It's teamwork in planting a garden



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Saleana Garner, teacher assistant helps student plant.